

THE OCTAGONAL HOUSE
ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

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"OCTAGONAL HOUSE" (Residence)
Elkhorn, Walworth County, Wisconsin

Frank J. Kurick - Owner

Erected - 1851

Architect & Builder - Unknown

The building is in an excellent condition at the present time. The structure is two stories in height with a high basement.

The foundation walls as well as the entire exterior walls are all constructed of brick. The building sets on its original foundation.

This unusual house of another day was conceived by an eccentric named Edward Elderkin, a young lawyer from the eastern states, who had emigrated to this little city in the wilderness in 1839. Many a community in the state of Wisconsin has one of these freak houses and Elkhorn is no exception. It was once the proud mansion of a large estate, but today it has only a door-yard garden surrounding it with a couple of age old spruce trees thrown in for good measure. Very little more can be said about this unusual domicile.

The foregoing information was obtained from the present owner, namely, Frank J. Kurick.

Alexander Carl Guth
District Officer

